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The Examiner states that no election was made in the previous response.

Attention is drawn to the first paragraph on page 1 of the response which clearly set forth an election as follows:

Responsive to the Requirement for Restriction, mailed June 21, 2002, applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1-8, 11-20, and 44-46, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule of the AKAP-10 gene including a sequence of nucleotides that encodes the polypeptide set forth as SEQ ID No. 2, where the Ile residue at position 646 is replaced; vectors containing the nucleic acid of claim 1; host cells including such vector; and complementary oligonucleotides to the polynucleotide of claim 1, for examination on the merits.

The election set forth in the previous response is superceded by that set forth in this response.

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In view of the election, amendments and remarks herein, examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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